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EDITORIAL NOTES.

It is a dull day when somebody don't get out an injunction.

The reason money is timid is because there is so little of it in circulation.

When Greek meets Greek there is trouble. Same way when Turk meets Greek.

In the past few days two very notable public men have passed away—Senator Daniel W. Voorhees and Congressman W. S. Holman.

The Treasury Department at Wash ington is being run on a narrow Gage track. That is why there is so little prosperity in the country.

It is very likely that Hon. T R. Purnell, of Raleigh, will be appointed to the vacancy on the U. S. District Court bench for the Eastern N. C. Dis

Business failures are about 20 per cent larger now each week than they were for the corresponding weeks last good times?

We learn that some of Corbett's ansome cream.

A Charlotte incendiary has been acquitted, notwithstanding he has confessed the crime three times. A clear case of "an honest confession is good have. for the soul." Next time he goes into court he should employ some able lawyers for the prosecution, or he may be acquitted again.

There has been a slight fall in the Mississippi river, but the U.S. Weather Bureau warns the people that there will be a rise again this week and that the water will be three feet higher than ever known before. Work has been renewed on the levees and a desperate effort will be made to avoid further disaster. Armed men are guarding tunes in bonds and stocks for small inthe levers to prevent cutting, for self- vestors. Pretty soon a large business preservation has asserted itself and the people on one side are disposed to in at least a dozen important cities cut the levees on the other side to relieve the pressure on their own side. finest valley farming lands are under water and nearly 100,000 people are homeless. It is a pitiable state of affairs.

manure that its owner could profitably good idea to let the dividends stay in either purchase commercial fertilizers swallowed that, too. Finally the postor restrict his production to the area office officials began to investigate the he can fertilize. It does not pay to matter, and it was exposed, but not spread an insufficient quantity of ma- until millions of dollars had gone into nure over the whole farm in order to the fraud. Ten thousand dollars a day cultivate the whole. That involves was no unusual amount toward the waste of labor on land that had much last. This money came from people in better be left in grass, though where nearly every town in the country. The there is a near market for garden prod- New York postoffice authorities opened ucts buying commercial fertilizers will the mail for the company one day and always pay. In proportion to their found \$20,000 in cash. This will be reeffectiveness, these concentrated manures pay better than stable manure made on the farm.

ANOTHER INJUNCTION.

Robert Hancock, the new President of the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad, from Goldsboro to Morehead City, on behalf of the new board of directors, secured restraining order from Judge Adams, on Friday, to prevent a meeting of the private stockholders of that road, which was to have been held at Goldsboro to-day, Tuesday.

Some months ago the old board of directors attempted to lease the road to an alleged company, but an injunc? tion was secured temporarily, and later on was made permanent. After the new directors were appointed by Governor Russell, Mr. W. R. Tucker, of Raleigh, one of the private stockholders (two thirds of the stock is owned by the State), secured an order from Judge Simonton, of the United States Federal Court, restraining the Governor from appointing a State's proxy. (We presume that the new goldbug law applies in this case-that two thirds of the stock is less than one third.) The injunction brought by Mr. Tucker will be heard by Judge Simonton at Asheville on or about the 8th of June, the same court before which the North Carolina lease will be

The counter injunction secured by President Hancock Friday is granted upon the application of the State of North Carolina, the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad and the counties of Craven, Lenoir and Pamlico, stock holders in said road, and is based on the allegation that W. R. Tucker and others, the delendants in this case, have procured from the Federal Court an order restraining the Governor from appointing a State's proxy and thereby have prevented the participation of the State, which owns two-thirds of the stock in the Atlantic and North Caro und the river. When I mingle with its | lina Railroad from being present and participating in said meeting and it would be manifestly inequitable to al low a small minority of the stockholders to legislate for the road when the majority of the stockholders are restrained from being present.

> The Turks and Greeks have done more actual fighting in the past ten days than the Spanish and Cubans have done in two years The Greek-Turkish war can't last long at the pres

SUGAR BEET SEED.

The Experiment Station has secured sufficient sugar beet seed from the United States Department of Agriculture to inaugurate tests in the several sections of the State to ascertain whether it is possible for them to grow beets of quality and quantity necessary for the manufacture of sugar upon a commercial scale. For this purpose the Station desires to secure the careful co-operation of some 15 or 20 care ful farmers who will cultivate about two-tenths of an acre each in this test. Full directions will be supplied. A medium rich loamy soil is best, and the middle and Piedmont section promises to be the best locality for the trials.

All interested parties are requested year. How do you like the goldbug to make immediate application to Dr. H B. Battle, Director, Raleigh, N. C. It may be that sugar beet factories of cestors were successful in the dairy large proportions with several hundred business. He may go into training in thousand dollars capital may be the near future and manage to whip brought to the State through the medium of these experiments. The factory will pay remunerative prices to growers of sugar beets, and another staple crop may be added to those we now

THE FOOL AND HIS MONEY.

It is said that a large per cent. of mankind, and womankind, too, are fools. We see something to prove this every day.

Not long ago a concern was started in New York known as the "E. S. Dean Company." Circulars were sent out telling how this company was cap italized for \$1,000,000 and that it was "on the inside" and could make forwas built up. Offices were established throughout the country. Liberal ad vertising continued to catch suckers first dividends were paid to each new investor and he would tellhis friend and new suckers would begin to nibble at the bait. Pretty soon the investor There is no farm that makes all the would get a hint that it would be a

turned to the senders.

they never learn to think, to investigate! It only required a little thought to learn that if the Dean Company really could manipulate money so as to make the enormous dividends they promised they would not be so unsel- powers who own the political parties fish as to invite the general public to that have ever fought the Alliance imcome in and share the good things. enough to have enabled them to buy the influence which the Alliance has sufficiently amused.

4---FAIRNESS TOWARD RAILROADS

The Manufacturers' Record, Baltimore, publishes an interview with exthe South if the people will manifest a death of the Alliance. spirit of fairness towards railroads and kill out the anti-monopoly craze.

it was that gave ex Secretary Herbert | you would actually think they were authority to speak for the South. It praying for the resurrection of the imis hardly probable that he knows much mortal principles of the Alliance, about the South. When he intimates so emphatically that all or any large by politics. portion of the people of the South are antagonistic to railroads or any other legitimate enterprises he proves conclusively that he either knows nothing | Col. Polk? Well, hold on one minute of the South or else is wilfully misrep resenting our people, trying to frighten | the falling off of Alliance membership continuing to stand up for their rights.

more liberal in the treatment of rail but little trouble to secure charters and cating in their political platforms. right of way privileges. Cities, towns money to encourage railroad building. think most of the feeling between railtheir patrons, the citizens of the territory through which the roads run. question. His theory is that the cor | kill it. poration kings can do no wrong.

the people of the South sit quietly cry, it would look dark for the Allidown and allow the money trust and lance. the thousands of manufacturing trusts to prey upon them-form trusts on the raw material which they buy from the producers and sell the same back to them in the shape of finished goods at not be accepted as good advice. When building and management and manu facturing, he simply tells a falsehood. and he is not entitled to further consideration.

FORAGE AND FIBER PLANTS.

A recent bulletin of the N. C. Experiment Station which is now being distributed, is No. 133 entitled "Somenew forage, fiber and other useful plants." use, are the cowpeas of the "Un hagy, a new Japanese legumine recent- raise prices for such products, could not | Carr's administration. are not recommended, are the Beggar Horse Bean; Saccaline; the Flat Pea, ever and has less to spend. and Canaigre. The latter plant is grown in the arid climates of the mid- though getting better prices for his dle lower section of the United States, Arizona and adjoining States, for use for tannic acid. So far it has not been found of value in this State. Promising fibre plants are ramie and jute, the former especially, and some of the roots first place, the misfortunes of our own had a debate on the question of State Hundreds of thousands of acres of the from every corner of the earth. At are being distributed for co operative farmers had not a little to do with rais. Aid to Higher Education. This is a testing in the eastern section of the ing the price of wheat In other words, State, where it promises to be of con siderable value in rich low lands and degree, their winter wheat crops. So ple that the other colleges may follow in the rice growing districts. The only it happened that though last year's with profit. Nobody cares anything drawback heretofore has been that proper machinery for preparing the use in cultivating it; hence he must and "compound." They generally fiber for market has not been known, had fewer bushels to sell-according to dren. but recently machinery has been invented which makes it more easy to bushels fewer. In the second place, accomplish this. Farmers of the State use immense quantities of cotton bag ging, fertilizers, etc., and if the mate- vance in price had materialized, and rial for this purpose should be grown in the third place, wheat is not the only would lead one to think the scholars and manufactured here, it would add crop, it is not even the most important had singular occupations to attend to another important industry and would money. A summary of the contents to day than six months since, is much this afternoon he has to help butchof the bulletin is given in it so that lower than a year ago. The same is er busy readers can ascertain the various subjects treated. It will be sent to ap Will people never learn that they plicents in North Carolina who apply and oats crops of our farmers brought late this morning she had to help to sion just closing, among them a number of the state of can't get something for nothing! Will to the Station for it.

SOME PLAIN TALK.

The last issue of the Chatham Citi zen contained the following:

"The trusts, railroads and money agine that they have scored some good They could have taken a few dollars of points the past week or two. Abuse of for the farmer growing poorer in the their own money and made profits fast the Alliance has become so cheap and face of getting higher prices for his the United States and several other awakened against corporate greed has countries in a short time. We hope become so strong, that they decide to those who swallowed the Dean bait are put on the guise of an angel of light and tell the world what a great factor for good the Alliance was before it was murdered by politics. So we have the lugubrious (hypocritical) wail of the enemies' hired mourners and the Secretary of the Navy, Herbert, in high praise of true Alliance principles which he says that capital will flow to of the would-be funeral orators at the

They tell us of the great number who were once members of the Alliance, We have not been able to learn who what a power for good it then was till which they complain have been buried

Are they really sorry that the Alli ance does not number as many as it did under Col. L. L. Polk? Col. what? Is this the same crowd now bewailing them into submission instead of their that once so abused and villified Col. Polk? Why, certainly, and the same No section of the country has been men who at heart have never been in sympathy with the principles which the roads than the South. They have had Alliance has scared them into advo

"They will abuse it, if that will kill it; and counties have given large sums of they will steal its principles and pretend to favor them if that will kill it; The roads have been patronized beyond | they will take the Alliancemen upon a the ability of our sparsely settled high mountain and show them all the a Governor who was friendly to the country. Doubtless both sides have offices of this State and promise that Southern Railway Company called to been in the wrong at times, but we they may choose rulers for all of these gether the directors and some of the if they will but return and worship road companies and the public has the old parties-all this they will do been "unfairness" on the part of the if it will kill the Alliance. But it has railroads. Just so soon as the grasp- not died and now they claim to be bet ing owners of the railroads learn that ter friends to the Alliance than its leaders, hoping thus to kill it.

They think if they can establish this have some rights and begin to respect in the minds of the people, that the those rights, there will be but little Alliance leaders are less true to the friction. What is wanted is more Alliance than those who have fought liberality" on the part of the railroads. every organization of farmers which Mr. Herbert puts on his corporation looks toward "reform," and who have glasses and sees but one side of the ridiculed "reform" so much they will

If one could see no holes in the sheep Mr. Herbert's polite suggestion that skin covering the wolf that raises this

A FURTHER SHRINKAGE IN PRICES.

With the upward stimulus given to agricultural prices during the closing trust prices, will not be well received months of last year by the Indian by sensible people anywhere. This is famine, the Australian crop failures a time worn three card monte and will and the general shortage in the world's wheat supply, many were the prophets any man says that the South will not | who came forward to tell us that this foster and protect legitimate railroad rise was the precursor of a rise in prices for manufactured products, and that an upward turn in the general or legal right to repudiate it. trend of prices was at hand. In the light of the course of prices these prophets now stand discredited, says the Philadelphia American.

No rise in prices for manufactured goods followed the rise in prices for the products of our farms for the very sufficient reason that this rise did begin with we believe that every state-This bulletin describes a variety of not put more dollars in the new plants which have been tested and pockets of our farmers And with their value is reported. Among the out more dollars they could not siderably out of plumb when it speaks more important of the kinds that are increase their purchases of manu promising and worthy of more general factured goods, and the increased de mand for the products of mill and facknown" and "Red R pper" varieties, tory, on which reliance was placed to ly imported, allied to Japan clover, the materialize. Consequently no rise in Canada field pea, and vetch Among prices came. On the contrary, a further the plants that have recently been ad- fall in prices for manufactured goods vertised and do not promise well and has come, for, in spite of the rise in the in which the lease was made, and the price of wheat and other farm products Weed, so much planted in Fiorida; the in sympathy, the farmer is poorer than

Nor is it any enigma that the farmer, wheat, found fewer dollars in his pockets after selling last year's crops. and it is these dollars that he now has to spend, than he had after marketing his crops of the year before. In the many farmers lost, in greater or lesser the agricultural reports, 30,000,000 our farmers had sold most of their wheat before the better part of the adcrop, of our farmers. Corn comes first outside of the school house: be the saving of a large amount of in importance, and corn, though higher true of oats. And so it is that the corn them much less money last year than wash

the year before, and the same is true, in general, with their other crops. So we see three very good reasons for last year's harvests, putting fewer dollars into our farmers' pockets than the harvests of the year before, despite the

rise in wheat. It was in overlooking these reasons wheat that the prophets, who confidently looked for higher prices for manufactured goods to follow the rise in agricultural products during the closing months of last year, went astray. We pointed out these three factors working for a smaller return to the farmer from his crops, in the face of rising wheat prices, at the very climex of the rise, and foreseeing that a poorer farmer meant less demand for manufactured goods, we naturally came to the conclusion that a further fall in prices for manufactured goods was inevitable.

THE N. C. RAILROAD LEASE.

The Richmond Times said recently:

THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, a journal with Populistic tendencies, published at Raleigh, says that the charge that the State of North Carolir a is trying to repudiate a contract with the Southern Railway Company is not true, as the State never made a contract with that company. Twenty years ago, says THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, the North Carolina Railroad was leased to the Richmond and Danville Railroad Company for a term of years. That this company was re-organized, and is now called the Southern Railway Company. That there have been several governors, and changes in the directorate of the North Carolina Railroad. That six years before the original lease expired stockholders and they leased the North Carolina Railroad to the Southern for a term of ninety nine years at a very low cost. THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER also claims that this was done in secret, and that only by the merest chance did the negotiations become known before the trade was consummated. It further declares that the people of the State did not authorize the deal, and that the directors, in making the lease, usurped powers that were not legally vested in them. And, therefore, says THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, the State proposes to repudiate the unworthy actions of the directors of the North Carolina Railroad.

"That is a poor defence. We do not believe that Governor Holt would have done this thing in a corner, and we do not believe that the Richmond and Danville Railroad Company, with the best legal advice in the country, would have entered into a contract of such vital interest to its interests with persons who were not legally authorzed to make it. But be this as it may, the contract was made in good faith, has been recognized by the State as binding, and the State has no moral

"We have do doubt that the Populistic prejudice against corporations is at the bottom of this attempted repudia-

The above from the Times is a fair sample of defense usually offered by papers too friendly to corporations. To ment made by THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER is true. But the Times is con of Gov. Holt's connection with the late alleged lease. It was made more than two years after his term as Governor expired, during the third year of Gov.

Populistic prejudice has nothing to do with this matter. Populists have been active in opposition to the manner objectionable features of it, and so have many Democrats and Republicans who believe in justice and fair play; who be lieve the people and not a few corporations should rule.

GOOD!

Instead of running around the country like a lot of pugilists, playing ball, the students of Elon College recently matter in which the people are concerned, and Elon has set a good examwheat brought better prices than the about a "pitcher," especially one that wheat of the year before, our farmers is perfectly empty.-Charity and Chil-

BAD PUNCTUATION.

The absence of punctuation marks in the following excuses presented to a teacher in one of our country schools

"Please excuse Willie from school class. his father."

"Please excuse Sally for being her mother."

CREAM OF THE PRESS.

Hard Hits, Bold Sayings and Patriotic Paragraphs From Reform Papers.

That sound dollar is getting so sound that nothing is to be heard throughout the land but the sound of discontent Advance Guard.

It must be admitted that the speak. easy is like the United States Mint, in that it seems to be able to make money without advertising.-Grange Advo.

If that Greeco Turkish war wants to attract attention in this country, it must get down to business before our baseball season opens.-Sandy Hill Herald.

The God-given Rights of Man against the man given rights of property is the struggle that is now on: and it is going to be a fight to the finish.-Brockton Diamond.

Almost everthing we buy now is con. trolled by a trust. Yes, we can get all the "trust" goods we want, but few of us can get trusted any more. - Far. mers' Tribune.

The tariff, the tariff, oh! how it do. lights the leaders of the two old parties to get into a fight over the tariff. Just watch 'em rant, heave and set.-Cle. burne Herald.

The greater a man is in power above others the more he ought to excel them in virtue. None ought to govern who is not better than the governed .-Grange Advocate.

The money in the United States outside of the United States Treasury decreased \$6,694 259 during the month of March. This is the wrong road to prosperity. No better times will likely come until the money outside of the United States treasury increases .-Missouri World.

Congress has met, days have passed by, Salary is paid, sessions last a few hours each day, prosperity waits Cubans continue to be butchered Americans continue to watch with impatience to see patriotism show itself among their representatives.-Littleton News Reporter.

Hetty Green is foreclosing in Chicago, 150 mortgages aggregating #4. 000,000. When Hetty has finished she will own the properties: and those who held the equities will own their experience and will have leisure to enjoy the prosperity that has engulfed them .-Brockton Diamond.

The failure of the Globe Savings Bank in Chicago, and the loss of vast amounts of money belonging to poor as well as to rich people, is another lesson on the dangers involved in private banking. To insure the safe keeping of deposits, government banks are necessary.—Topeka Advocate.

It is said an editor in Tifton recently received a proposition from a Chicago firm that they would furnish hims new patent fire escape for \$1 and some advertising to be done later on. The editor borrowed the dollar and sent it along and in a few days received a copy of the New Testament-Calhoun

Sherman is identified with devastation. One prominent American signalized his capabilities by a march through Georgia, leaving a track of devastation about sixty miles wide. The other brother cut a swath on finances as long and wide as the boundaries of this country. "Shermanize" may be a word some of these days that will express the idea involved. - Alabama Monitor.

A FREAK LEGISLATURE.

A Hazelton, Pa, paper says: "In the next Pennsylvania Legislature will be found one gambler, one base ball umpire, one preacher, eight men who declare they are 'gentlemen,' nineteen without occupations, twenty seven lawyers and one pugilist. Of the members, three were convicted of larceny, one was tried for murder and acquitted, three in insane asylums, while eight have been at Keeley cures and four are divorced."

We will have to be a little more care. ful in our claims for the late North arolina legislature hereafter.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES AT RICHMOND.

The commencement exercises of the University College of Medicine, of Richmond, Va., of which Dr. Hunter McGuire is President, Dr. Thomas J. Moore, Chairman of the Medical Faculty, and Dr. J. Allison Hodges, Corresponding Secretary, will take place in the Academy of Music, that city, on the evening of April 29th.

Hon. Walter Clark, of Raleigh, As sociate Justice of the Supreme Court, and one of the most eminent literateurs of the South, will deliver the annual address before the graduating

This institution is one of the largest medical colleges in the South, there being 274 martriculates during the sesber of North Carolinians.